

SENATE No. 194.

[Mr. COE proposes the following as a substitute for House No. 184.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT

Authorizing the construction of a Reformatory Prison
for Women.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECT. 1. The governor, with the advice and
2 consent of the council, is hereby authorized to ap-
3 point three persons who shall be a board of com-
4 missioners with full power to select and determine
5 a plan from such as may be presented by different
6 architects and to purchase an eligible site within
7 the limits of the Commonwealth, and to cause to
8 be erected thereon a suitable prison for a state
9 reformatory prison for women, with accommoda-

10 tions for five hundred prisoners, together with such
11 household accommodations for the superintendent
12 and family, and for subordinate officers and atten-
13 dants, as the said board may deem necessary.
14 And said board shall have power to make all con-
15 tracts and employ all agents necessary to carry
16 into effect the provisions of this act: *provided*,
17 that the aggregate expenses and liabilities in-
18 curred by virtue thereof, shall not exceed the sum
19 of three hundred thousand dollars; and *provided*,
20 *further*, that the selection and purchase of a site
21 for and the plans of the prison, and all contracts
22 made by said board in carrying out the provisions
23 of this act, shall be subject to the approval of the
24 governor and council, and the work shall be at all
25 times under the supervision of the governor and
26 council, with power at any time to order a discon-
27 tinuance of the same.

1 SECT. 2. Should any vacancy occur in said
2 board of commissioners, by resignation or other-
3 wise, the governor, with the advice and consent of
4 the council, may fill said vacancy by a new ap-
5 pointment, and may in the same manner remove
6 any commissioner. The compensation of each of
7 said commissioners shall be established by the
8 governor and council, and they shall keep an ac-
9 count of their actual services and expenses, to be
10 allowed upon approval of the governor and coun-
11 cil, and shall make an accurate report of the
12 amount of their expenditures, and all their doings
13 to the governor and council, at least once every
14 three months during their time of service. They
15 shall also report in print to the legislature annu-

16 ally, on or before the tenth day of January, their
17 doings during the year preceding, and shall be
18 required to complete the work provided for in the
19 first section of this act, within two years from the
20 date of their appointment.

1 SECT. 3. In order to defray any expenses in-
2 curred in pursuance of the preceding sections or
3 to repay any sum borrowed as hereinafter author-
4 ized, the treasurer is hereby empowered, under the
5 direction of the governor with the advice and
6 consent of the council, to issue scrip or certificates
7 of debt, in the name and behalf of the Common-
8 wealth and under his signature and the seal of
9 the Commonwealth, to an amount not exceeding
10 three hundred thousand dollars, which shall be
11 payable to the holder thereof, in Boston, bearing
12 an interest of six per cent., payable semi-annually,
13 in Boston, on the first days of April and October,
14 with warrants for the interest attached thereto
15 signed by the treasurer, which scrip or certificates
16 shall be redeemable in Boston on the first day of
17 April, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-
18 eight, and shall be countersigned by the governor
19 of the Commonwealth, and shall be deemed a
20 pledge of the faith and credit of the Common-
21 wealth for the redemption thereof. And the
22 treasurer may, under the direction of the gover-
23 nor and council, dispose of any portion of said
24 scrip at any price not less than its original par
25 value.

1 SECT. 4. The treasurer, under the direction of
2 the governor and council, may borrow in anticipa-

tion of the issue of the scrip authorized as above,
of any of the banks of this Commonwealth, or of
any corporation or individuals, such sum as may
be necessary for any of the purposes of this act:
provided, that the whole amount borrowed by au-
thority hereof and remaining unpaid, shall at no
time exceed the amount of three hundred thou-
sand dollars.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its
passage.